

Marcie (left) prepares to throw the softball

Trent Thielges and Marcie Thielges participated in the 2010 Special Olympics of North Dakota State Games held June 4th and 5th on the campus of South Fargo High School in Fargo, N.D.

Friday afternoon, Marcie participated in the aquatics games and earned a gold medal in the 25M backstroke and a bronze medal in the 25M freestyle.

She will also represent team North Dakota in aquatics in the National Special Olympics to be held in Lincoln, NE July 18-24. Jenny Thielges will be her swim coach at those games, and she will continue to train

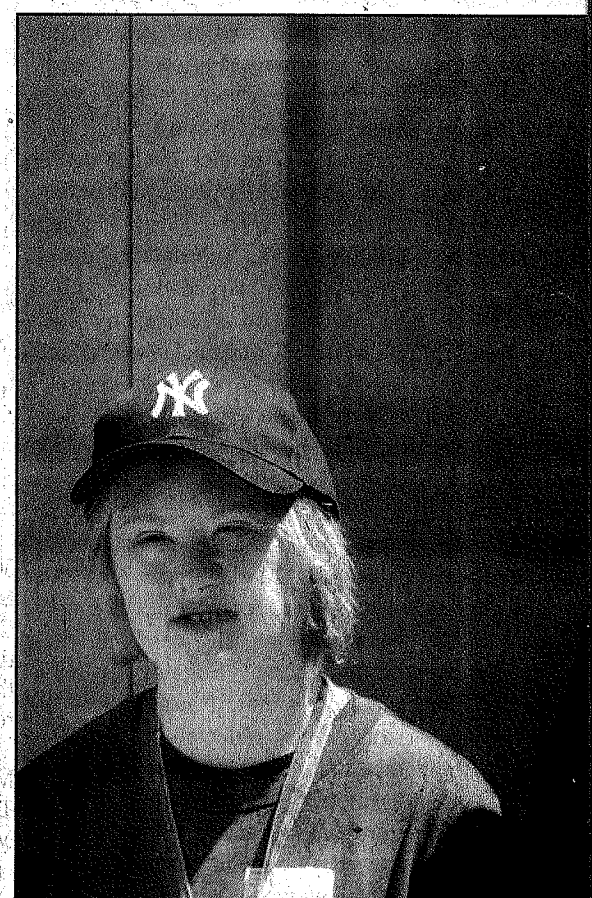
weekly in Jamestown.

At the track and field meet held Saturday, Trent earned a gold medal in the Men's Softball Throw and a silver medal in the 100M Dash.

Marcie earned a silver medal in the Women's Softball Throw and a fourth place ribbon in the 100M Dash. She also ran the first leg of the Women's 400M Relay team from Jamestown which earned a fourth place ribbon also.

Congratulations to Trent and Marcie for a great season. (Submitted article and photos)

Trent (right) races for a si



Dakota Valley Annual Meeting

Planning for the future

A combination of wet weather and farmers rushing to finish a delayed planting season resulted in fewer members in attendance at this year's annual meeting, which was held June 3 at Edgeley Public School.

Those in attendance enjoyed a complimentary barbeque beef meal, musical entertainment, and a free children's fun night with a movie and treats.

Other activities included a technology display by Basin Electric Power Cooperative and a 4-H Project Expo featuring displays by LaMoure County 4-H members.

At the conclusion of the meeting there was a drawing for door prizes. The \$1,000 grand prize was not awarded because the member whose name was drawn was not in attendance. Robert and Margaret Larson of Edgeley were winners of the \$100 consolation prize.

McKee speaks to membership

Guest speaker for the event, Dr. Gregory McKee, who is the director of the Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives in Fargo, addressed the membership and discussed nationwide trends facing cooperative businesses. He encouraged all cooperatives and members to take seriously their responsibilities of educating the next generation and implementing succession planning to ensure the continuation of strong, responsive and vibrant cooperatives providing needed services in the future.

Cooperative business reports

In his report to the membership, Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative board president Thomas

Mund, Milnor, focused on challenges facing electric cooperatives in ensuring adequate power supply power and stable electric rates.

"In 2009, wholesale purchased power price increases required that we increase our electric rates by about 2-percent in order to meet financial and lender requirements," he stated.

The challenges facing Dakota Valley also exist in the other parts of the cooperative's power network, Mund said. He explained Dakota Valley's generation and transmission providers, such as Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Central Power Electric Cooperative, face capacity problems caused by growth that often can only be remedied by adding new facilities.

Upward pressure on wholesale and retail electric rates caused by proposed carbon dioxide reduction legislation may be even more significant," he said.

Mund explained the board routinely examines the cooperative's performance in meeting financial goals, which include maintaining competitive and cost-based rates, regular retirement of capital credits, maintaining appropriate equity and providing resources for upkeep and replacement of power lines.

Mund reported that the cooperative's 4-year electrical system

improvement plan, approved in early 2009, allocates \$12.8-million towards constructing line, improving services and replacing equipment.

In conclusion, Mund assured the membership, "We will strive to balance these anticipated cost increases against your needs for both reliable and affordable power."

Financial condition strong
Treasurer John Hauschild, Wahpeton, reviewed the cooperative's financial condition and reported that during 2009, DVEC had returned \$1.4 million in capital credits to its members. The refunds included \$1.3 million through the general retirement and \$111,260 to estates and other retirements.

Hauschild reported 2009 electric power sales of \$27.4 million with expenses totaling approximately \$26.6 million.

Margins for the year totaled \$3 million, including \$830,846 from local electric operations, \$294,385 interest income and subsidiary profits and just over \$1.9 million in capital credit allocations (non-cash) from the cooperative's electric power suppliers.

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relating to closing the metrology laboratory, determining corridor size, letters of intent, and requests for jurisdictional determinations in energy conversion and transmission facility siting cases, standardizing the content and format of annual reports tracking renewable electricity and recycled energy, implementing the requirement that the commission's wind farm decommissioning rules address present and future natural resource development, and repealing inconsistent language regarding practice before the Commission.

Public Service Commission

will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.

Commission Hearing Rm.
12th Floor
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND
Wed., July 14, 2010
1:30 p.m.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Public Service Commission, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 or by calling (701) 328-2400, toll free 1-877-245-6885 or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888. This information is also available to view on our web site at www.psc.state.nd.us under Formal Actions/Case Search. Also, written comments may be submitted to the Public Service Commission at the above address, until July 26, 2010. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Public Service Commission by telephone or by writing to the address above at least 24 hours prior to the public hearing.

Tony Clark, Commissioner
Kevin Cramer, Chairman
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner

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relating to
Underground Storage Tanks.
**North Dakota
Department of
Health**

will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code Chapter 33-24-08, Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of Underground Storage Tanks.

ND Dept. of Health
4th Floor Conference Rm.
918 E. Divide Ave.
Bismarck, ND
Wed., July 14, 2010
1:30 p.m. CDT

A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Dept. of Health, Division of Waste Management, 918 E. Divide Ave., 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND 58501-1947 or calling 701-328-5166. The proposed amendments can also be reviewed or downloaded from the Division's web site at www.ndhealth.gov/wm/PublicNotices.aspx. Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address until July 24, 2010. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Division at the above phone number or address at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

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